

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY, IES UTILITIES INC., MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY, and PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, DIVISION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC.	DOCKET NOS. ARG-99-150 ARG-99-151 ARG-99-156 ARG-99-222 ARG-99-225
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**ORDER WAIVING 1999 FILING REQUIREMENT
AND REQUIRING INFORMATION**

(Issued September 9, 1999)

Pursuant to IOWA CODE §476.6(15) (1999), each rate-regulated utility furnishing gas must periodically file with the Utilities Board (Board) a complete natural gas procurement plan describing the expected sources and volumes of its gas supply and changes in the cost of gas anticipated over a future 12-month period specified by the Board. The statute also states that the utilities shall file information, as the Board deems appropriate.

Currently, the Board's rules require each utility to file plans including specific information on November 1 of each year. IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-19.11(1999). The Board is preparing a rule making which will propose to amend that rule by removing the requirement that the utilities annually file plans. For the 1999 year, the Board will, on its own motion, waive the filing requirements specified in IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-19.11(1999). Instead, the Board will require the utilities to provide the Board with the minimal amount of information specified in this order. The Board will not set a procedural schedule for evaluation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The November 1 filing requirement specified in IOWA ADMIN.CODE 199-19.11 is waived for 1999.
2. Each rate-regulated utility furnishing gas shall provide the following information on or before November 1, 1999:
 - a. A list of all gas and gas services purchased from an entity which is an affiliate of the utility, as defined in IOWA CODE 476.72 (1999). The list shall include all volumes and the cost of the volumes provided on a monthly basis.
 - b. Information concerning any change in plans for using the futures market and a description of the utility's current use of the futures market for procurement plan purposes.
 - c. By pipeline, the date of the seven-year historic peak, volumes used, and the amount of gas available to meet demand. In addition, each utility should provide the date and volumes for the current period peak by pipeline or customer service district.
 - d. As to instances of bypass of the utility's system, each utility shall provide:
 1. The name of the company or individual that bypassed the utility's system;
 2. The date the bypass occurred;
 3. The annual volumes of gas the customer used for the prior two years before bypass;
 4. Measures taken to prevent potential bypass and measures taken to prevent bypass that has already occurred; and
 5. Measures taken to request the pipeline reduce the utility's capacity commitments in the instance of bypass.

e. Each utility should indicate the location and peak day maximum daily output from each of its peaking plants. Also indicate when each plant was last used and provide the duration and volumes used. Each utility should also indicate whether or not it has plans to build any new peaking facilities in the next five years.

f. Each utility should provide the breakdown, by percentage, of the specific services used to meet its 1997-1998 winter peak day.

g. Provide a complete listing of capacity release revenues, on a monthly basis. Indicate which, if any, releases were accomplished through contracts with third-party brokers and provide the effective dates of such contracts. In addition, indicate the dollar amounts retained by the broker, the dollar amounts credited to the PGA, and the dollar amounts retained by the company. All transactions that have occurred since this information was reported in the 1998 additional information filings through August 31, 1999, should be included.

h. Provide a complete listing of current capacity contracts, by service, including the associated volumes and contract renewal or termination dates. Also provide a complete listing of all current supply contracts including the associated volumes and contract renewal or termination dates for all contracts with a term of greater than one year.

i. Provide a description of what you have done to determine the Y2K readiness of the natural gas suppliers and the interstate pipelines that you use.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9th day of September, 1999.